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Harriman et al.)
Serial No.: 10/040,605)
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Agents in a Computer System Using Packet)
Headers Including Format and Type Fields)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following preliminary amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, at line 4 before "Field of the Invention", please insert the following:

--Reference is made to the commonly assigned co-pending patent applications Serial No. 10/041,028, entitled "Communicating Transaction Types Between Agents in a Computer System Using Packet Headers